

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Monday, February 9, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its scheduled meeting time on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member Lehr was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

The addition of clarification to the January 22, 2015 meeting minutes for the proposed solar park tax abatement being 100 percent the first year and decreasing by 10 percent each of the next nine years was requested. A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting as amended for the clarification.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the claims as presented.

It was noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety recommended approval of the annual fire protection contract between the City and Patoka Township. The amount of the contract is \$26,000.00 per year.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-02 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH  
THE PATOKA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-02 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-02 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Lehr) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-02 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:05 P.M.

A proposed ordinance was presented to approve a recreational contract with Patoka Township for the year 2015 in the amount of \$12,000.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-03 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMON COUNCIL TO  
ENTER INTO A RECREATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE  
PATOKA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-03 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-03.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-03 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Lehr) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-03 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:07 P.M.

A proposed additional appropriation ordinance for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$65,000.00 was presented. The additional appropriation is needed to complete the renovation of the EMS building. The appropriation from 2014 expired December 31, 2014. The project is not expected to exceed the original 2014 appropriation of \$150,000.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-04 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE 2015 BUDGET YEAR**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to set the public hearing for the \$65,000.00 Riverboat Fund additional appropriation for March 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

A proposed ordinance to authorize a loan from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund to the Wastewater Utility was presented. The loan would be for a maximum of \$200,000.00 for 5 years for cash-flow as needed.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-05 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE ELECTRIC  
CASH RESERVE FUND TO THE WASTEWATER UTILITY**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-05 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-05 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Lehr) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-05 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:15 P.M.

A proposed resolution was presented to transfer surplus earnings from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund and the Gas Cash Reserve Fund in the amount of \$175,000.00 each. The amounts were included in the 2015 City Budget.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-06 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS EARNINGS  
OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY AND THE NATURAL GAS UTILITY TO THE  
GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Planning Director Lake and Wastewater Superintendent Kemp were present to answer questions as they relate to the sewer force main project and the acquisition of land rights at a vacant lot at 1019 N. Main Street, Huntingburg. The Mayor noted that at a prior meeting the Council approved obtaining appraisals of the property. The two appraisals were for \$19,400.00 and \$23,600.00. He noted that a decision needs to be made regarding whether the City wants to negotiate for the purchase of the property or negotiate for an easement for the property. Since the lot is narrow and the sewer main will take up much of the lot, the use of the property is minimalized. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to authorize entering into negotiations for the purchase of the property at 1019 N. Main Street in Huntingburg.

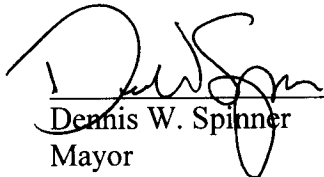
A proposed ordinance was presented requiring a key lock box to be installed on certain structures. The proposed ordinance has been discussed at previous meetings and revisions made.

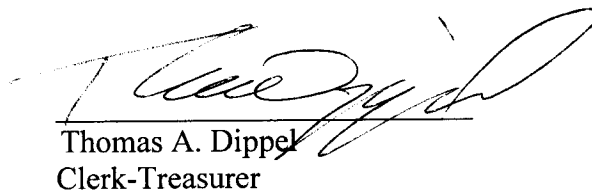
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-07 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 99 TO THE HUNTINGBURG  
MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE  
EXTERIOR OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES FOR FIRE SAFETY AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Steven Beck, a Homeowner on Northview Drive, addressed the Council with concerns about the proposed solar park. He indicated that he and his neighbors were concerned about property values, eye sore, and that there are still lots to be developed in Northview Estates. He would rather see the solar park closer to an industrial area rather than residential.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 o'clock P.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer